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SUBJECT: BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH MEXICO ON
RENEGOTIATION OF IATTC

FOR FISHERIES ATTACHE

1. DURING LOS CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK THERE WAS PRELIMIN-
ARY DISCUSSION BETWEEN MEMBERS OF US AND MEXICAN DELS
ON RENEGOTIATION OF INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA CONVEN-
TION (IATTC) WHICH WILL BE ADDRESSED AT SEPTEMBER 19-28
MEETING IN SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA. MEXICAN SIDE (ANDRES
ROZENTAL, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS), INDICATED THAT GOM WOULD LIKE TO HAVE BILATERAL
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DISCUSSIONS WITH US ON ISSUE OF WHO SHOULD BE INVITED TO
ATTEND SAN JOSE MEETING, AND FOR US TO RECEIVE DRAFT CON-
VENTION (TO REPLACE IATTC) PREPARED BY GOM.

2. ON ISSUE OF INVITATIONS, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT IT
IS IMPORTANT THAT THE RENEGOTIATION OF IATTC INCLUDE ALL
CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, ALL COASTAL STATES

IN THE REGION (INCLUDING FRANCE, CHILE, ECUADOR, AND PERU) AND THOSE COUNTRIES CURRENTLY FISHING IN THE REGULATORY AREA.

3. THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL QUESTION OF WHETHER PROVISION SHOULD BE MADE FOR OBSERVERS TO ATTEND SAN JOSE MEETING. US TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS (MICRONESIA) WOULD LIKE A NON-SPEAKING OBSERVER TO ATTEND. THE DEPARTMENT STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS ATTENDANCE BY SUCH MICRONESIAN OBSERVER.

4. AS TO THE TIMING OF THE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, THE US SIDE WOULD PREFER TWO SESSIONS: ONE IN THE LATTER HALF OF AUGUST AT WHICH THE US COULD RECEIVE THE GOM DRAFT CONVENTION (FYI: AND OFFER ONLY THE MOST PRELIMINARY VIEWS), AND A SECOND IN EARLY SEPTEMBER PRIOR TO SAN JOSE MEETING, AT WHICH A FURTHER ELABORATION OF VIEWS COULD BE MADE. (FYI ONLY: IT IS DESIRED THAT THE FIRST MEETING BE PRIOR TO THE LA JOLLA MEETING OF THE IATTC ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENCING AUGUST 30, TO PERMIT OBTAINING INDUSTRY VIEWS ON THE GOM DRAFT CONVENTION.) UNFORTUNATELY, THE PROSPECTIVE US DELEGATES TO THE BILATERALS WILL BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY UNTIL AUGUST 16, SO IT IS DESIRABLE THAT FIRST MEETING BE HELD (PREFERABLY FOR US SIDE IN WASHINGTON) AT SOME TIME DURING LAST TWO WEEKS IN AUGUST CONVENIENT FOR MEXICAN SIDE.
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SECOND MEETING COULD BE HELD IN MEXICO, WITH TIMING ARRANGED AT FIRST MEETING.

5. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE FISHERIES ATTACHE MAKING THE ABOVE POINTS TO ROZENTAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND IN TURN COMMUNICATING HIS THOUGHTS TO THE DEPARTMENT. VANCE

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